Undergraduate Scholarship Application Form

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Undergraduate Scholarship Programs Application

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NOAA Office of Education, administers the Ernest F. Hollings and EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Programs in order to promote the education and training of students in NOAA sciences. The information contained in this application will be used to competitively select undergraduate students for scholarship awards. The information on this form will be treated confidentially. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 hours per application including the time for reviewing the instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NOAA Office of Education, Educational Partnership Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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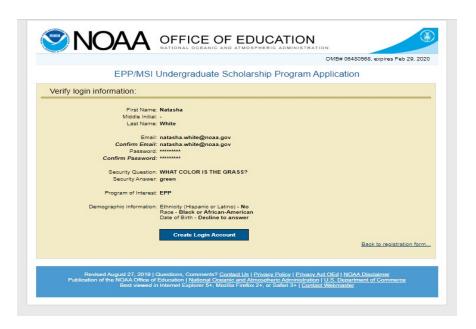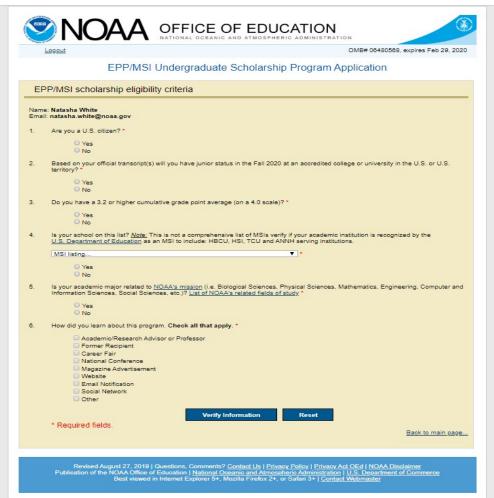Best viewed in Internet Explorer 5+, Mozilla Firefox 2+, or Safari 3+ | Contact Webmaster

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Create login account:

First Name: _____ *
Middle Initial: ____
Last Name: _____ *

Email: _____ *
Confirm Email: _____ *
Password: _____ (6 to 20 characters) *
Confirm Password: _____ *

Security Question: _____ (200 characters max) *
Security Answer: _____ (200 characters max) *

IMPORTANT: The EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholarship Program is available to students attending Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) as defined by the U.S. Department of Education to include: Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions.

U. S. nationals must select "Yes" on question 1 "Are you a U. S. citizen?" when completing the eligibility criteria page upon logging into the application system.

If you are applying to the Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and/or the Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions Undergraduate Scholarship, please select one program to begin the application. If your application is eligible for **both** scholarship programs, you will be able to make that selection at a later point in the process.

Program of Interest: * ○ **Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions Undergraduate Scholarship Program**
Application Due: Jan. 31, 2020
http://www.noaa.gov/eppscholarship

○ **Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program**
Application Due: Jan. 31, 2020
http://www.noaa.gov/hollings

Race/Ethnicity

Your completion of this form will be appreciated. Submission of this information is **voluntary** and it will have no effect on the review of your application. The data collected will be used only for statistical and program management purposes. The OMB control number for this collection is 0648-0568.

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PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES
The information is used only for management and assessment of program performance. Your response will not affect the review of your application.

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?
○ Yes ○ No

Race (Check all that apply)

☐ Black or African-American
☐ White
☐ Asian
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
☐ Decline to Answer

Date of Birth

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PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES
The information is used to assess program performance and may be used to verify undergraduate degree completion and subsequent enrollment in graduate programs. Your response will not affect the review of your application.

[Month ▼] [Day ▼] [Year ▼]

☐ Decline to Answer

[**Verify Information**]

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Verify login information:

First Name: **Natasha**
Middle Initial: **-**
Last Name: **White**

Email: **natasha.white@noaa.gov**
Confirm Email: **natasha.white@noaa.gov**
Password: *************
Confirm Password: *************

Security Question: **WHAT COLOR IS THE GRASS?**
Security Answer: **green**

Program of Interest: **EPP**

Demographic Information: Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino) - **No**
Race - **Black or African-American**
Date of Birth - **Decline to answer**

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EPP/MSI scholarship eligibility criteria

Name: **Natasha White**
Email: **natasha.white@noaa.gov**

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? *
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

2. Based on your official transcript(s) will you have junior status in the Fall 2020 at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or U.S. territory? *
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

3. Do you have a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale)? *
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

4. Is your school on this list? *Note:* This is not a comprehensive list of MSIs verify if your academic institution is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an MSI to include: HBCU, HSI, TCU and ANNH serving institutions.

   [MSI listing... ▼] *
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

5. Is your academic major related to NOAA's mission (i.e. Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering, Computer and Information Sciences, Social Sciences, etc.)? List of NOAA's related fields of study *
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No

6. How did you learn about this program. **Check all that apply.** *
   - ☐ Academic/Research Advisor or Professor
   - ☐ Former Recipient
   - ☐ Career Fair
   - ☐ National Conference
   - ☐ Magazine Advertisement
   - ☐ Website
   - ☐ Email Notification
   - ☐ Social Network
   - ☐ Other

   Verify Information   **Reset**

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Number of days left before submission due date: **72**

Program: **EPP/MSI**

Instructions (.pdf): EPP/MSI Application Instructions

General Info: Incomplete

Contact Info: Incomplete

Education: Incomplete

Activities: Incomplete

References: Incomplete

Essay: Incomplete

Submit: Incomplete

Application Status: Incomplete
Application Status Process: (Incomplete, Submitted, Processing, Selected or Not Selected)

Note: Click **Next** to start or continue the application process.

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First Name: Natasha   *   **Middle Initial:**   **Last Name:** White   *

Citizenship: (Only U.S. citizens or U.S nationals are eligible for this program)

☑ Yes, I am a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

Academic Status Eligibility:

☑ Yes, I will be an undergraduate with junior class status in the Fall term 2020.

Field of Study: ---Select Field of Study--- ▼ *

Degree: ---Select Degree--- ▼ *   **Graduation Date:** _____ * (mm/yyyy)

Cumulative GPA: _____ * (0.00)

Health Insurance: (required for summer internship appointments)

Company Name: _____   **Effective Date:** _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Education

Current Contact Information

Street Address: [ ] *

Apt# / Unit: [ ]

City: [ ] *

State / U.S. Territory: [---Select State/U.S. Territory--- ▼] *

Zip Code: [ ] * (00000)

Phone Number: [ ] * (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Alternate Number: [ ] * (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

E-Mail: [natasha.white@noaa.gov] *

Permanent Contact Information

Same as Current Address

Street Address: [ ] *

Apt# / Unit: [ ]

City: [ ] *

State / U.S. Territory: [---Select State/U.S. Territory--- ▼] *

Zip Code: [ ] * (00000)

Phone Number: [ ] * (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Alternate Number: [ ] * (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

E-Mail: [ ] *

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Number of college/university semester or quarter hours completed.

Semester Hours: [_____] or Quarter Hours: [_____] *

School currently attending: (Remember to upload an official transcript from the school). Only official transcript will be accepted. Unofficial transcript will result in disqualification of your application. *

[---Select School State--- ▼]

Other colleges and universities attended. List any other technical schools, colleges, or universities attended. (Remember to upload official transcript from each school). Only official transcript will be accepted. Unofficial transcript will result in disqualification of your application.

Note: If your official transcript indicates your academic status as anything other than a sophomore, you must submit a letter (official University letterhead) from either your Department Chair or Academic Advisor, that this is due to the number of AP credits earned. The Academic Advisor or Department Chair must certify that you are officially in your sophomore year of study, and include the date of graduation.

How to upload transcript and AP credits explaination letter: Combine transcript with letter, save as Adobe.pdf file, and upload.

Official transcripts must be uploaded as an Adobe.pdf file.

Institution	From Date (mm/yyyy)	To Date (mm/yyyy)	Degree Awarded	Official Transcript
State: [---Select School State--- ▼]	[_____]	[_____]	[---Select Degree--- ▼]	🔼
State: [---Select School State--- ▼]	[_____]	[_____]	[---Select Degree--- ▼]	🔼
State: [---Select School State--- ▼]	[_____]	[_____]	[---Select Degree--- ▼]	🔼

List any formal and/or informal research experiences in which you have been involved. (Exclude class laboratory activities).

Position	From Date (mm/yyyy)	To Date (mm/yyyy)	Description
[_____]	[_____]	[_____]	[_____]
[_____]	[_____]	[_____]	[_____]
[_____]	[_____]	[_____]	[_____]

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Academic Awards, Honors, and Activities

Awards/Honors. (List honor societies, scholarship and/or fellowship awards, and other recognition. Enter **NA** if none).
(Maximum 2000 characters) * `2000` Characters left

Extracurricular Activities. (List school-related service organizations, technical societies, and campus activities, including offices held. Enter **NA** if none). *(Maximum 2000 characters)* * `2000` Characters left

Non-Academic Volunteer and Entrepreneurship Activities

List paid or volunteer and entrepreneurship activities; include the name or type of organization, the dates (months/years) and responsibilities. Enter **NA** if none. *(Maximum 2000 characters)* * `2000` Characters left

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Two references are required. Applicants must identify the name, title, and email address of two individuals who will receive an email with a link to complete and submit a Reference Form through the application system on your behalf (Reference Form is not available outside of the application system).

At least one of the reference forms must be from a professor, visiting professor, or lecturer who has taught you at the undergraduate level, or a department chair, dean, or academic advisor. REFERENCES THAT DO NOT MEET THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RENDER YOUR APPLICATION INELIGIBLE.

The second reference form may be from a person who can speak to your capabilities and interests as they relate to this scholarship. This may include teaching assistants or an advisor or mentor from a job, volunteer, internship or competition experience related to NOAA's mission. Recommendations from NOAA staff are acceptable if that person served as your mentor during an internship or is a faculty member at your college of university. If the NOAA employee reference is a faculty member then he/she must use a school email account when submitting the reference form. If the NOAA employee served as a mentor, then he/she must use their personal email as a @noaa.gov email account will not be allowed through the application system. If you have questions regarding the reference eligibility, please contact studentscholarshipprograms@noaa.gov

Evaluations from former high school teachers, coaches or family friends will not be accepted as references.

NOTE: A compelling reference will help reviewers understand how you stand out from other applicants. You may want to provide your transcripts and a statement of your accomplishments, experiences or goals to the author to assist them in preparing a solid recommendation.

Click the "Request Recommendation" button to send an email to the associated reference who will receive instructions and a link to the online Reference Form. All Reference Forms should be submitted by **Jan. 24, 2020**, to ensure they are received prior to the application deadline of Jan. 31, 2020.

Name:		Title:	Email:	
[ ] *	[ ]	[ ] *	**Request Recommendation**
[ ] *	[ ]	[ ] *	**Request Recommendation**

Note: Check the Status Page as the References section will remain **Incomplete** until both references are received by NOAA.

Below are individuals who have submitted a Reference Form on your behalf.

No submitted recommendation...

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Essay on proposed college education plan and career goals

This essay is a self-description of your academic, research, and career goals as they are related to NOAA's mission http://www.noaa.gov, and how your proposed course of study and/or research will help you achieve these goals. This is your opportunity to present yourself, your aspirations and career goals in a concise manner. Include any background information that is pertinent, any graduate school plans, and provide insight into why you have chosen to pursue these education and career goals (a list of college courses alone is not sufficient). This 2 to 3 page essay will be used to evaluate you as an individual, not necessarily as a scientist, and your motivation for applying for this scholarship. The essay should demonstrate your organizational and written communication skills.

If you have conducted any NOAA-mission science experiences such as an **internship, research project, or club activity**, please include that demonstrated experience in your essay.

The essay should be typewritten, single-spaced, and should not exceed three pages in length. *(Minimum 6000 characters - Maximum 9000 characters; characters includes spaces and punctuation)* *

NOAA organization of interest: ---Select NOAA Organization of Interest--- ▼ * 9000 Characters left

Character Count: 0 *(Minimum 6000 characters)*

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CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED

I am aware that this program is supported by funding from the United States Government and, therefore, is subject to Federal law regarding false statements and fraud, particularly the criminal provisions of 18 U.S. Code Section 1001. I certify, under penalty of law, that the submitted student application contains no false or fraudulent representations, statements, or entries. An individual receiving a scholarship under this program shall be required to repay the full amount of the scholarship to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration if it is determined that the individual, in obtaining or using the scholarship, engaged in fraudulent conduct or failed to comply with any term or condition of the scholarship.

The information requested on the application materials will be used in connection with the selection of qualified applicants and may be disclosed to qualified reviewers and staff assistants as part of the review process; to the institution the applicant is attending or is planning to attend or is employed by for the purpose of facilitating review or award decisions, or administering the awards; to government contractors, experts, volunteers and researchers and educators as necessary to complete assigned work; to other government agencies needing data regarding applicants or as part of the review process, or in order to coordinate programs; and to another Federal agency, court or party in a court or Federal administrative proceeding if the government is a party. Information from this system may be merged with other computer files to carry out statistical studies, the results of which do not identify individuals. Disclosure may be made of awardees' names, home institutions, and fields of study for public information purposes. Submission of the information is voluntary; however, failure to provide full and complete information may reduce the possibility of receiving an award.

Under certain circumstances (such as an internship at a Government-funded facility), the U.S. Government conducts background investigations to establish that individuals are eligible for a required security clearance. The background investigations for national security positions are conducted to develop information to show whether you are reliable, trustworthy, of good conduct and character, and loyal to the United States. In addition to filling out a form (such as the Standard Form 86 which may be viewed at: http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.asp, inquiries also may be made about a person's adherence to security requirements, honesty and integrity, vulnerability to exploitation or coercion, falsification, misrepresentation, and any other behavior, activities, or associations that tend to show the person is not reliable, trustworthy, or loyal.

NOTE: Application will be copied and used solely for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients and administering the Undergraduate Scholarship Program. Disclosure of the information is subject to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974) and NOAA regulations.

☐ Yes, I have read the above information and certify the accuracy of the information in my application. *

☐ Yes, I would also like to apply for the Hollings scholarship program (optional).

[   ] Date certified (mm/dd/yyyy) *

Please Note: Once you submit your application, you will no longer be able to make any changes.

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